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	10/091,759	MJALLI ET AL.
	Examiner Karl J. Puttlitz	Art Unit 1621

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1/22/2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,4,5,11-22 and 41-72 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 47-60 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 11-13 and 18-22, 63-72 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,41 and 43-45 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 4,5,42,46,61 and 62 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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PATENT EXAMINER

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Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

The rejection under section 112, second paragraph is withdrawn since the PTO has added the missing claims.

The rejection under section 103 is withdrawn in view of the amendments to G₁. In this regard, the recited references fail to teach or suggest compounds wherein G₁ is (CH₂)_k wherein k is 1 to 3, and in view of the statement of common ownership.

The double patenting rejection is withdrawn in view of the amendments to G₁. In this regard, the claims of the conflicting patents fail to recite or suggest compounds wherein G₁ is (CH₂)_k wherein k is 1 to 3.

The examiner notes that the method claims 47-60 are withdrawn, and will be rejoined upon allowance of product claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 43-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The rejected claims cover compositions but recite method steps of administration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a new ground of rejection:

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1, 41 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dobrev et al., Khimicheski Fakultet (1978), Volume Date 1975-1976, 70, Pt. 1, 201-7, CAS online abstract retrieved 16 April 2007 from STN, Columbus, OH, USA.

Dobrev teaches the following compound that anticipates the rejected claims RCH₂CONR₁R₂, see definitions in the rejected claims. See where NR₁R₂ is NMePh.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karl J. Puttlitz whose telephone number is (571) 272-0645. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman K. Page, can be reached at telephone number (571) 272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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